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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 4, 1984

Dear Howard:

There have been questions resulting from my March 29, interview in the New York Times and whether our policy toward Nicaragua has changed.

The fact is, no change has occurred. The United States does not seek to destabilize or overthrow the Government of Nicaragua; nor to impose or compel any particular form of government there.

We are trying, among other things, to bring the Sandinistas into meaningful negotiations and constructive, verifiable agreements with their neighbors on peace in the region.

We believe that a pre-condition to any successful negotiations in these regards is that the Government of Nicaragua cease to involve itself in the internal or external affairs of its neighbors, as required of member nations of the OAS.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan 428

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